

WSDA Pesticide Registration News

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What's New for 2003?

Revisions to RCW 15.58.070

Beginning January 1, 2003, pesticide registrations in Washington will change from an annual registration (with a voluntary 2-year option) to a mandatory 2-year registration cycle. The registration fee will change from \$145/year to \$290/2 years. The renewal process is set up so only half the pesticides registered in Washington will come up for renewal each year.

Here's how it will work:

- If a registrant is currently in a voluntary 2-year registration cycle that expires December 31, 2003, nothing changes (except the 2-year registration becomes mandatory).
- If a registrant is in a registration cycle that expires December 31, 2002, regardless of whether it is an annual or 2-year cycle, the new registration cycle will be based on the registrant's name as follows:

By law and without exception, if a registrant's name begins with a number or the letter A-N, they will begin a 2-year registration cycle on January 1, 2003. The products will be renewed every two years thereafter.

By law and without exception, if the registrant's name begins with the letter O-Z, they will begin a one-year registration cycle on January 1, 2003. WSDA will issue a 2-year registration cycle packet to these companies next year. Products for these companies will be renewed every two years thereafter.

- By January 1, 2004, all companies will be on a 2-year registration cycle.
- Any additional product registrations added during a company's registration cycle will be prorated by year so that all products registered by the company come due for renewal at the same time.
- Any **new** registrant wishing to register its products after December 31, 2002, will have its registrations expire at the end of the second year, regardless of the registrant's name.
- Late fee – Beginning January 1, 2003, the late registration fee increases from \$25/product to \$50/product.
- The registration forms have been revised for clarity and ease of completion. Please review the detailed instructions on the back of each form.

Endangered Species Program

In the fall of 2000, WSDA established the Endangered Species Program (ESP) to determine if the use of any currently registered pesticide in Washington State might cause harm to or limit the recovery of salmonids listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In cooperation with scientists from other state and federal resource and regulatory agencies, a strategy was developed to evaluate the impact of current pesticide use on salmonids. The strategy contains four key elements: 1) surface water monitoring, 2) pesticide screening process, 3) WSDA action and 4) adaptive management.

Currently, program staff are visiting with members of the agricultural community to develop a cropping profile database. The database will determine how many acres of each crop are grown in a given location, what pest problems exist, and the approximate use of pesticides. This data will be used in conjunction with pesticide surface water monitoring data to evaluate pesticides found in salmonid habitat. If necessary, WSDA will design site-specific mitigation plans based on these evaluations.

The Endangered Species Program is dedicated to the concept that pesticide use and endangered species recovery can be compatible. For any questions or comments, please call (360) 902-1936 or send an e-mail to ESP@agr.wa.gov.

Pesticide/Fertilizer Products

Products containing pesticides and fertilizers must be registered as commercial pesticides AND commercial fertilizers. It is the responsibility of the registrant to ensure that such products have dual registration.

Website Links

Pesticide Information Center On-Line (PICOL) has a new website address: <http://wsprs.wsu.edu/index.html>

For guidance on Section 18, 24(c), 25(b), and other registration programs at WSDA, visit our website address at <http://www.wa.gov/agr/default.htm>